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INDOT Announces Safe Routes to School Funding for Southeast Indiana

Local projects include sidewalks, crossings and safety education for students

SEYMOUR, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has awarded more than \$2 million in federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding for projects and activities to help provide Indiana school children with a safer way to walk and bike to school.

Safe Routes to School aims to make bicycling and walking to school safe and routine for Indiana students. The federally funded program recognizes traffic congestion, fuel consumption and air pollution near our schools, coupled with growing health and childhood obesity concerns, makes walking and biking to school an attractive low-cost way of getting to and from school. This is the first year Safe Routes to School funds are available.

This year, five projects in southeastern Indiana were selected to receive \$455,000 in reimbursements for Safe Routes to School activities and projects:

- **Sidewalk Improvements in the Town of Osgood:** A \$248,526 award will connect Osgood to the Jac-Cen-Del school campus through the construction and repair of sidewalks, installation of curb ramps, renewal of pavement markings and placement of safety signs.
- **Sidewalk Improvements in Monroe County:** A \$60,000 award will build and improve walking routes and road crossings between Batchelor Middle School and the surrounding neighborhoods.
- **SRTS Education for Bartholomew County Schools:** A \$68,954 award will set up a parent volunteer training program for a new Bike/Walk Safety Program. This program encourages parents and students to safely walk or bike to school.
- **SRTS Education for Bloomington Schools:** A \$23,500 award will develop programs at Edgewood Primary, Edgewood Intermediate and Edgewood Junior High Schools to teach students how to walk and bike safely to school.
- **SRTS Education for Ellettsville Schools:** A \$53,500 award will develop programs at Summit Elementary, Lakeview Elementary and Batchelor Middle Schools to teach students how to walk and bike safely to school.

For more information on the Safe Routes to School Program, visit INDOT's Safe Routes to School Web site at www.in.gov/dot/div/programs/saferoutes or visit the Federal Highway Association's Safe Routes to School Web site at <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/>.